

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652:N/A  
TAGS: EAID, GR  
SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE - GREECE

REF: STATE 157251

1. EARTHQUAKE WITH A FORCE OF 6.5 ON RICHTER SCALE HIT THESSALONIKI AT 11:08 P.M. JUNE 20. QUAKE CAUSED PANIC AND WIDESPREAD DAMAGE THROUGHOUT CITY AND SURROUNDING AREA. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOURCES THERE ARE AT LEAST 5 DEAD, A NUMBER OF MISSING PERSONS AND HUNDREDS OF INJURED. TOUR OF PARTS OF CITY BY CONGEN OFFICERS REVEALED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS BUT ONLY ONE COLLAPSED BUILDING. LATTER WAS EIGHT-STORY BUILDING WHICH COLLAPSED WITH REPORTEDLY 20 TO 30 PERSONS BURIED UNDER THE RUBBLE.

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2. AS OF THIS TIME SOME 10 HOURS AFTER THE QUAKE THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF DEATHS OR INJURIES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS. CONSULATE GENERAL BUILDING WALLS HAVE BEEN BADLY DAMAGED WITH CRACKS AND FALLEN PLASTER IN EVERY ROOM THOROUGHOUT THE SIX-STORY BUILDING. ALSO CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO GLASSWARE AND OTHER

FRAGILE OBJECTS.

3. FOR ATHENS: WOULD APPRECIATE VISIT BY  
EMBASSY ENGINEER TO SEE IF ANY STRUCTUAL  
DAMAGE HAS OCCURED.

4. CONSULATE GENERAL WILL SUBMIT MORE DETAILED  
REPORT AS SOON AS OFFICIAL INFORMATION OBTAINED.  
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